

Understanding the College Board Accommodations ProcessJanuary 2017



Session Goals

- Provide information about the College Board accommodations request process.
- + Review guidelines for documentation requests.
- + Provide an overview of the SSD Online system.
- Respond to questions.



SSD Coordinator

- Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinator is responsible for:
 - Being the school's liaison with the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities office.
 - Submitting accommodation requests for students with demonstrated needs.
 - Responsible for all aspects of testing at the school for students with accommodations who appear on the Non-standard Administration Roster (NAR).
 - Schools will identify a primary SSD Coordinator.
 - Ensure all test day staff are appropriately trained to ensure associate supervisor(s) are prepared.



College Board Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

The College Board is committed to making sure that students with disabilities can take the exams with the accommodations they need, and will **consider all requests** to ensure that we measure students' academic abilities, regardless of their disabilities.

- College Board SSD reviews requests for accommodations for students with documented disabilities taking PSAT/NMSQT, SAT® and other CB assessments.
- Once approved for accommodations, with limited exceptions, student remains approved for all College Board tests.
- + There is **no set "list"** of accommodations: We receive, and approve, requests for new types of accommodations on a regular basis.
- + College Board requires that a student have a documented disability, however there are **no set documentation** requirements. We will review any documentation that is provided.
- Accommodations required for CB tests may differ from those needed in school
- We encourage schools to work with the parents The request process is most efficient when the school submits a request online, has all available documentation, and when parent is aware of what accommodations are being requested.



Accommodations – New for April 2017

- + SSD Online system improvements released in October. Additional enhancements to the school verification process planned for January 2017.
- Testing window for students that appear on the NAR.
- New Braille Format UEB format will be shipped with EBAE format
- Translated Test Directions for English Language Learners
 - Scores will be college and scholarship reportable
 - NO accommodation request required
 - Printed versions of the test directions will be downloadable for educators to distribute to students on test day as needed.
 - Arabic, Haitian-Creole, Mandarin, Portuguese, Polish, Russian,
 Spanish, and Vietnamese
 - Schools can also provide translated test directions with approved district/school translators for languages other than these 8 and will also be college reportable.



Supports & Accommodations

Available to all Students

- Repeat directions
- Time remaining notifications
- Calculator for w-calculator sections
- Translated Test
 Directions

Standard Test Format

- Extended Time
- Additional Breaks
- Modified settings
- Reader
- Scribe
- Large block answer sheet
- Permission for meds, food, drinks

Alternate Test Formats

- Braille
- Large Print
- MP3
- Assistive Technology
- State Allowed (nonreportable)



Accommodations

- All accommodations requests will be submitted through our SSD Online system. There are two types:
 - College Board Accommodations: Students with approved accommodations will receive college reportable scores. Once approved for accommodations, with limited exceptions, a student remains approved for all College Board tests.
 - State Allowed Accommodations (SAA): These are state-specific accommodations defined by Maine DOE (formerly called "MPO"). Students, schools, and the state will receive scores, however the scores are not valid for college admission.
 - These accommodations apply to state testing only and are requested for each state administration.



Accessing SSD Online

- SSD Coordinators from other College Board testing will already have access to SSD Online.
- Once any new SSD Coordinator(s) are identified they should request access to the SSD Online system.
- + To access the system, the SSD Coordinator will need to:
 - Have a College Board Professional Account
 - Complete the SSD Coordinator Form, found on www.collegeboard.org/ssd
 - Receive an access code to link your SSD Online access to your College Board professional account (First time only). May take 1-2 days to receive the access code.
 - A school may have multiple SSD Coordinators.



College Board Accommodations

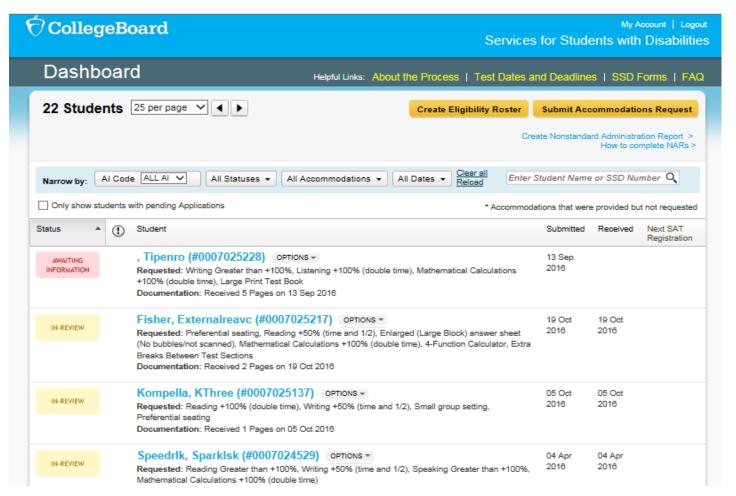


College Board Accommodations

- + Who is Eligible?
 - Student must have a documented disability
 - Functional impact needs to be demonstrated. The presence of a
 disability does not necessarily mean student needs testing
 accommodations. <u>Student's needs on a test, such as the SAT, may</u>
 differ from their needs in school.
 - Must show need for the specific accommodation being requested

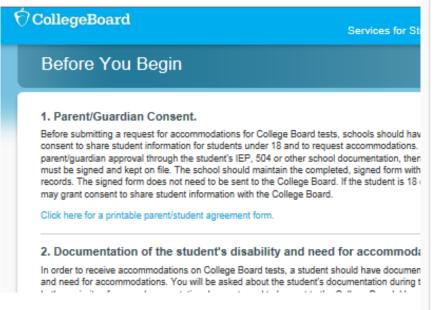


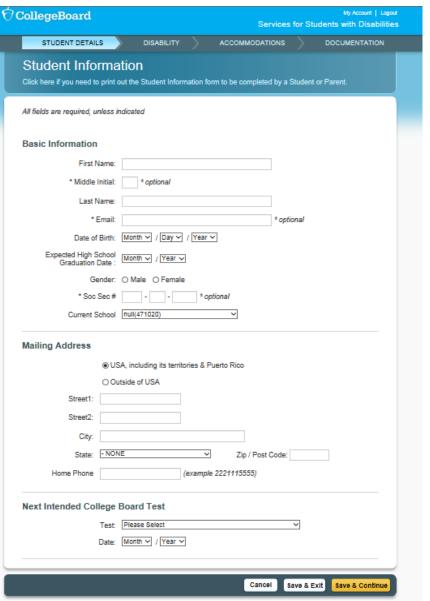
 Online request process - Log in at any time to see status of students' request or to print a list of approved students. Go to: www.collegeboard.org/ssdonline





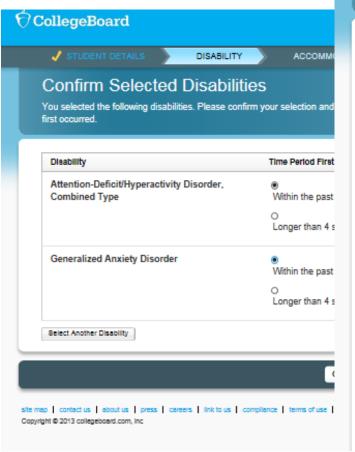
- Print a parental consent form and have the parent sign it
- Go to SSD Online
 (CB Professional account required)
- Enter basic student information

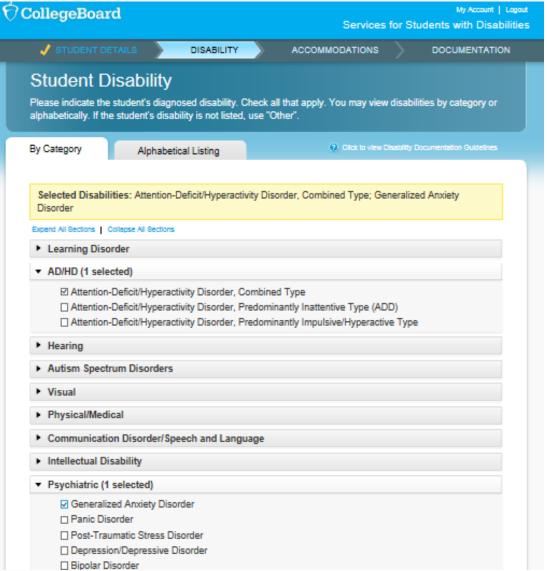






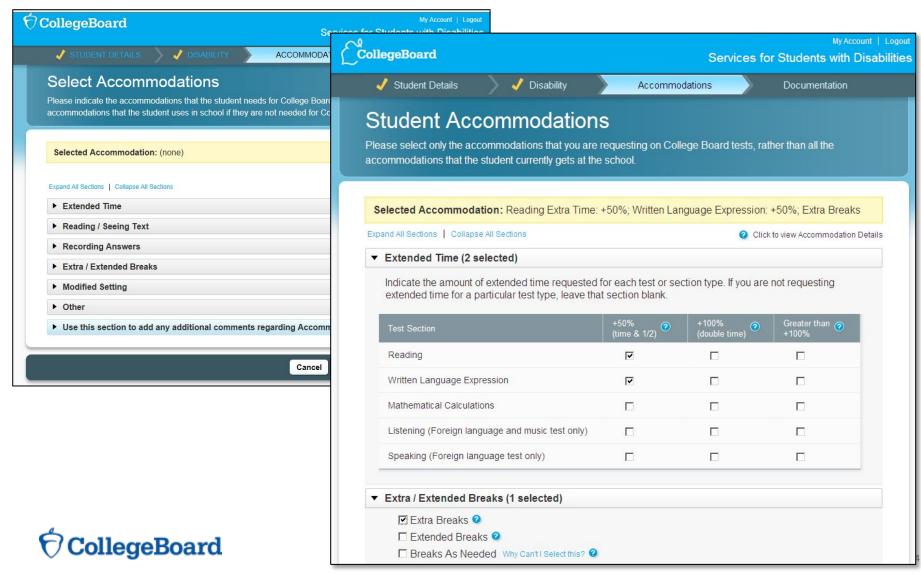
 Answer questions about student's disability and confirm.



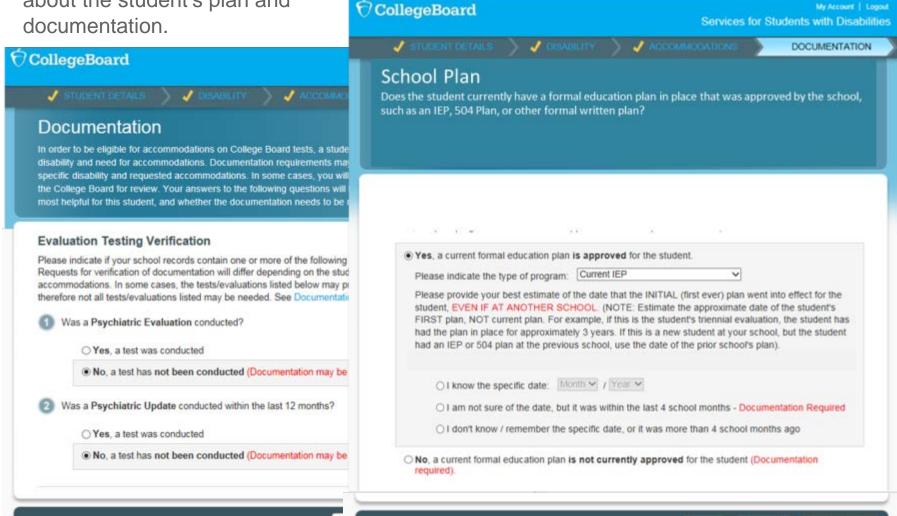




5. (Continued) **Answer questions** about requested accommodations.



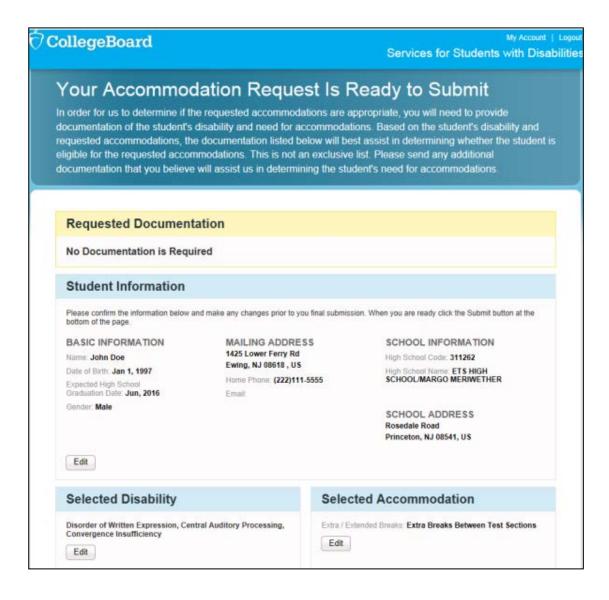
6. (Continued) **Answer questions** about the student's plan and documentation.



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Save & Exit

7. Many requests will be approved automatically through our schoolverification system. Based on the information provided by the SSD Coordinator, the system will identify "No Documentation is Required".





8. In some cases, you may be prompted to provide additional documentation

9. The system will request documentation and provide examples of the types of documentation that is helpful. The documentation suggested is based on the type of disability and accommodation being requested.





Print Documentation Checklist

Student Information

BASIC INFORMATION

Submit Documentation

Please confirm the information below and make any changes prior to you final submission. When you are ready click the Submit button at the

This request requires documentation to support the student's need for accommodations.

Fax Documentation Now

Documentation can be submitted online or can be faxed to Services for Students with

SCHOOL INFORMATION

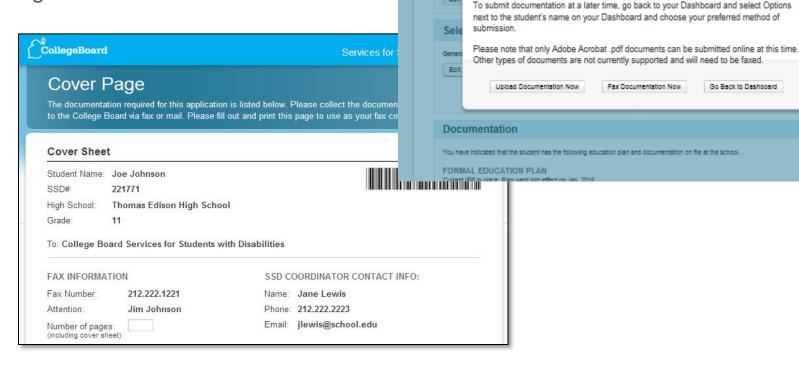
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MAILING ADDRESS

Disabilities. Please select from one of the options below.

11. Submit documentation (upload to SSD Online, fax, or mail) when required

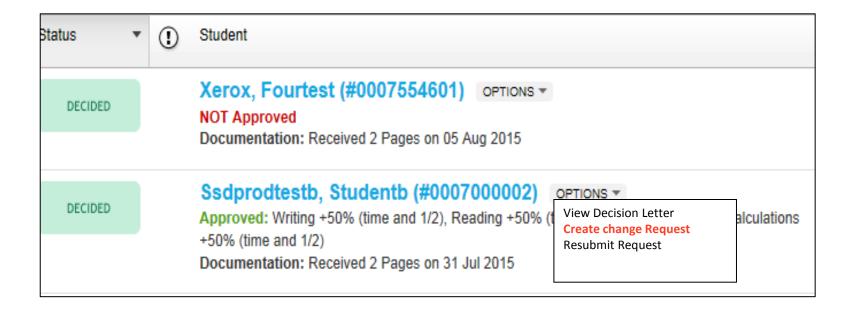
12. Receive e-mail notification that decision has been made; log in to view decision letter





Accommodations – Changes to Previously Submitted Requests

- Reopen the request
 - + From the Dashboard, locate the student
 - + Select "options;"
 - + Click "Change Request;"





Accommodations – Changes to Previously Submitted Requests

- Print, complete, and fax in the change request form to College Board's secure electronic document system.
- The status of the request will change to Document Review and once approved, the SSD Online Dashboard will reflect the approval status.





Documentation Guidelines

- Documentation recommendations vary depending on the disability and the accommodation requested.
- + Documentation should provide **evidence** of the following:
 - The disability
 - The degree to which the student's activities are affected (functional limitation)
 - The need for the specific accommodation requested
- + Documentation that includes the following is most helpful in the review process:
 - State the specific disability as diagnosed
 - Be current (varies based on disability/documentation)
 - Provide relevant educational, developmental and medical history
 - Describe the comprehensive testing techniques
 - Describe the functional limitations
 - Describe the specific accommodations
 - Establish the professional credentials of the evaluator
 - + Send documentation that was used to make the determination even if out of date with any current information about the student. Please note that schools are not required to have students retested to support any documentation request.



Documentation of Disabilities

- Documentation for Learning Disabilities/ADHD
 - Most helpful:
 - Scores from nationally-normed, individually administered testing and report from psycho-educational evaluation should be included.
 - Include the student's standard or scaled scores (Age/grade equivalents and/or percentiles are not sufficient), as well as full report.
 - WRAT, Nelson-Denny, WASI and/or KBIT alone are not sufficient, without other documentation
 - College Board does not require a specific test



Documentation of Disabilities

Documentation for Physical/Medical Disabilities

- A summary of assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used to make the diagnosis
- A narrative summary of the evaluation results, and
- A rationale for each accommodation recommended by the evaluator.
- Temporary medical conditions are not disabilities and have a separate process. See website for details.

+ Documentation for Visual Disabilities

- Include the student's visual measurements and results from the most recent eye examination
- If the diagnosis is based on a visual motor dysfunction, phorias, fusional ranges, depth perception and visual accommodation measurements should be included. Justification for the request of any or all accommodations should be provided.

Documentation of Psychiatric Disorders

- Provide qualitative information regarding disability and its impact on student's ability to take College Board tests.
- Include frequency, duration and intensity of symptoms



Documentation of Accommodations

- Extended time
 - Documentation that time is an issue
 - Keep in mind: No self-pacing consider other accommodations
- + Computer
 - Documentation of an impact on written expression skills
 - Where an applicant requests a computer because of dysgraphia, the student should include documentation of a fine motor problem and an academic test of written language
 - Keep in mind: Computer is generally available for essays only; all special equipment must be requested
- Four-function calculator (for non-calculator sections)
 - Documentation on an impact on math calculation
 - For non-calculator sections, only basic, four-function calculator would be approved (no scientific or graphing calculator)



What if documentation is not available?

The College Board documentation guidelines are recommendations for the documentation we find most helpful, however we understand that the requested documentation may not be available. In those cases, alternate documentation such as the following can be provided:

 Detailed description of the process used to determine that accommodations are needed, including all assessment tools used by the school to determine the nature and scope of disability

- Supporting documentation that demonstrates the student's disability, describes its impact on the student's activities, and supports the need for the requested accommodation
- Outdated psychoeducational evaluations and test scores, if available, along with information about student's current abilities
- Other information such as teacher surveys, detailed performance reports, writing samples, etc.



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Common Reasons why Applications are not Approved

- Insufficient documentation
- Documentation not current
- + Requesting inappropriate accommodations (e.g., time v. breaks)
- No diagnosed disability
- + No functional impact
- Accommodation interferes with test validity

Any application can be resubmitted with additional documentation for consideration even if after the deadline.

College Board will review submissions to work on approvals for the make-up test day.



Special Cases

- Changes in accommodations
 - If a student's accommodation needs to be changed, the SSD Coordinator can use SSD Online to request the change.
- Students who transfer
 - If a student had previously been approved for accommodations by the College Board while at his or her old school, the SSD Coordinator can use SSD Online to move the student to his or her dashboard. There is no need to reapply for accommodations unless there is a change in need. We encourage communications between schools/districts to confirm status.



State Allowed Accommodations



State-Allowed Accommodations (SAA*)

- + State-Allowed Accommodations are ONLY intended for students who would not be eligible for SSD accommodations (e.g., English Language Learners students who do not have a disability but need accommodations because they are still learning English).
 - Examples of supported state-allowed accommodations include Use of a Word for Word Glossary, and support for use of American Sign Language (ASL) when responding.
- State-Allowed Accommodations must be requested each time a student is registered to test.
- State-Allowed Accommodation requests are automatically confirmed based on the parameters agreed to by the state/district.
- Students who test with State-Allowed Accommodations will NOT receive college reportable scores.
- + State-Allowed Accommodations can be requested starting 30 days before the test date, but no later than 11 days before the test date.

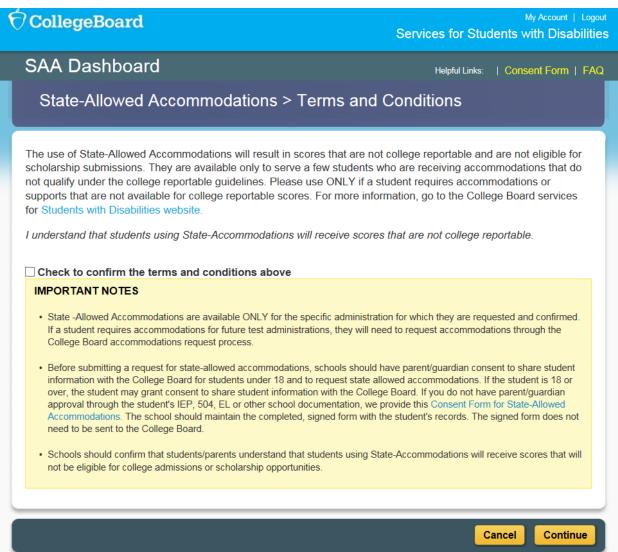
^{*}Often referred to as Maine Purposes Only or "MPO"



Accommodation Request – State-Allowed

The State-Allowed Dashboard is clearly marked to remind users

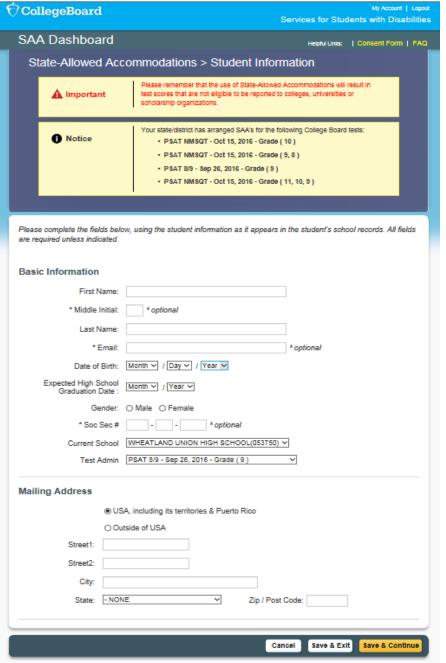
these scores are not college reportable.





Accommodation Request – State-Allowed

 Enter basic student information including name, home address, date of birth, and graduation date.



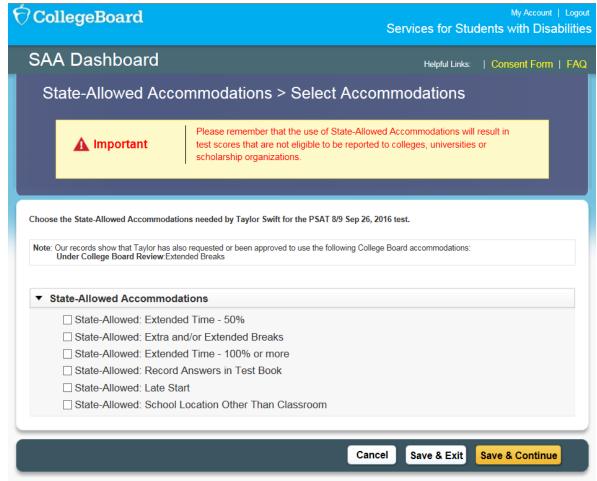


Accommodation Request – State-Allowed

 Select the accommodation being requested. The list of accommodations will be specific to those approved by the state.

If a student has been approved for a College Board

Accommodation, it will also be displayed here.





Accommodation Request State-Allowed

 Review and submit request.



Planning for Test Day



Key Dates

| Activity | Audience | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Accommodations Request Deadline | SSD Coordinator | 2/15/17 |
| Test Day Supervisor Training | Test Center Supervisor SSD Coordinator Test Day Staff | 2/9/17-3/22/17 |
| Secure Materials Arrive at Schools | Test Center Supervisor SSD Coordinator | 3/29/17-3/31/17 |
| Administration Date | Test Center Supervisor SSD Coordinator | 4/5/17 |
| Deadline to Submit Makeup Material Request | Test Center Supervisor | 4/7/17 |
| Accommodated Testing Window | SSD Coordinator | 4/5/17-4/18/17 |
| Makeup Administration | Test Center Supervisor | 4/25/17 |
| Final date to ship answer sheets for scoring | Test Center Supervisor SSD Coordinator | 4/28/17 |



SAT Planning for Test Day

- The pre-administration time includes important directions and completing information on the answer sheet. This must be completed on test day for SAT.
- The pre-administration time is not for completing the SDQ.

| SAT | SAT (in minutes) | SAT with Essay (in minutes) |
|--|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pre-admin Time | 30 | 30 |
| Reading | 65 | 65 |
| Break | 10 | 10 |
| Writing and Language | 35 | 35 |
| Math (no calculator) | 25 | 25 |
| Break | 5 | 5 |
| Math (with calculator) | 55 | 55 |
| Break | 2 | 2 |
| Book collection/ Essay distribution | 15 | 15 |
| Essay (student optional) | N/A | 50 |
| Total (hours, minutes) | 4h, 02m | 4h, 52m |



Accommodated Testing Window

- + Students who are testing with certain accommodations, identified on the Non-standard Administration Report (NAR) can test in the two-week accommodations window.
- + Accommodated Testing Window: 4/5/17 to 4/18/17
 - Students testing with accommodations that require two days of testing should test on consecutive days.
 - If a student is absent for the second day, they can resume testing on the day of their return.
 - All testing must be complete by the last day in the window.
- There is not an additional makeup testing date for students on the NAR.



Testing Rooms

| Room Type | Standard Testing Room(s) | | Non-Standard Room(s) | | State-Allowed Room(s) |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Room Label | Standard | Standard Roster | Non-Standard Roster | Non-Standard NAR** | State-Allowed |
| Description | No accommodations are used; students test in the standard testing rooms | Approved accommodations that can be used in the standard testing rooms under standard testing schedule | Approved accommodations that are separate from the standard testing rooms | Approved accommodations that are separate from the standard testing rooms and can test in the accommodations window | Accommodations allowed by ISBE that do not result in a college reportable score |
| Examples (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) | Not applicable | 14 pt Large print Wheelchair accessibility Large-block answer sheet Magnifier | Extended breaks Extra breaks 50% Extended time no essay (all sections) | 20 pt Large print MP3 Audio Braille 50% Extended time w/essay (all sections) 100% Extended time Breaks as needed | ASL interpreter Use of Word for Word Glossary EL Math Only |
| Where to find students who qualify | Pre-ID Students | Eligibility Roster in SSD Portal | Eligibility Roster in SSD Portal | NAR Roster in SSD Portal | NAR Roster in SSD Portal |
| Person Responsible | Test Center Supervisor | Test Center Supervisor | Test Center Supervisor | SSD Coordinator | SSD Coordinator |
| Test Date(s) | April 5, 2017 | April 5, 2017 | April 5, 2017 | April 5, 2017 | April 5, 2017 |
| Make-Up Test Date(s) | April 25, 2017 | April 25, 2017 | April 25, 2017 | Anytime in window | Anytime in window April 5 – April 18, 2017 |
| Color Test Books | Purple | Purple | Pink | Blue | Lime |

^{**}NAR = Nonstandard Administration Report



Preparing Rooms and Staffing

- The SSD Coordinator will be using the Non-Standard Accommodations Roster (NAR), accessible via SSD Online, to refine rooms and staffing.
- + If more than a single room is required for testing, the SSD Coordinator will need to identify Associate Supervisors to assist with testing.
- Size of cohort testing and size of rooms used for testing determine number of rooms needed



Planning for Staffing Needs

- + All test day staff must be district employees.
- Each school should plan for one Test Center Supervisor and one SSD Coordinator.
- + There should be a minimum of one Associate Supervisor (test administrator) for every 34 students.
- + For rooms with more than 34 students, assign additional proctors to help.
- At least one Hall Proctor is needed, but more could be needed depending on the number of testing rooms in use.

Room Proctors Needed

Apply the ratios listed here on a room-by-room basis.

- 1. Start with one associate supervisor per room.
- For each room, add room proctors if needed:

| Number of Test-Takers | Number of Proctors | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| For a Single Standard Testing Room | | | |
| I – 34 | 0 | | |
| 35 – 50 | 1 | | |
| 51 – 100 | 2 | | |
| 101 or more | I proctor for each additional 50 students | | |
| For a Single Nonstandard Testing Room | | | |
| I – I0 | 0 | | |
| More than 10 | I | | |

Hall Proctors Needed

- Start with one hall proctor.
- Add hall proctors if you have more than five rooms:

| Number of Rooms | Number of Hall Proctors |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| I – 5 | 1 |
| 6 – 10 | 2 |
| 11 – 15 | 3 |
| 16 – 20 | 4 |
| More than 20 | I proctor for each additional 5 rooms |



Training for SSD Coordinator and Staff

- + SSD Coordinators are required to read all Supervisor manuals in advance of test day.
- + Test Center Supervisors will receive a link to the Online Test Day Training. They will need to share the link with the SSD Coordinator.
- The SSD Coordinator is responsible for training other testing staff that will support accommodated testing.
- + The SSD Coordinator should have the printed manuals with them on test day for quick and easy reference.



Test Materials Delivery

- Non-Standard test materials for students on the NAR will be addressed to the SSD Coordinator.
 - All materials must be kept secure in a safe or locked office prior to test day.
 - If materials are missing or damaged school will contact the Maine School Day support line at 1-855-373-6387



Practice with Khan Academy

- + Khan Academy is designed to engage students in 30 minutes of productive practice on a daily basis.
 - All questions in the Khan platform meet SAT test specifications.
- Students may link their College Board account to Khan Academy to share their PSAT 10 scores for personalized practice.
- + Practice is focused on priority areas.
 - Khan question format and design mirrors the design/format of the online SAT.
 - Each question will provide answer explanations, step-by-step solution, and hints.
 - Coming soon, students will be able to write an essay, have it scored in Khan Academy and receive feedback about their essay.



Practice Resources for Accommodated Testers

- Practice tests for assistive technology can be found at: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-test-assistive-technology
- Practice tests for MP3 audio can be found at:
 https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/after-approval/taking-sat-accommodations
- Practice tests for Braille and large print may be requested by contacting SSD Customer Service (212-713-8333) or ssd@info.collegeboard.org.



Next Steps

- Begin requesting accommodations.
- + Prioritize requests based on the following:
 - Identify any students who have previously been approved for a College Board accommodation, for example those who took PSAT/NMSQT or AP. There is no need to reapply for accommodations for these students unless their needs have changed. They will receive the same accommodations as previously approved.
 - Submit applications for any students with an IEP who have been receiving accommodations for more than 4 months.
 - Submit applications for any students with an IEP who have been receiving accommodations for less than 4 months.
 - Submit accommodation requests for students who have 504 plans.
 - Submit any state allowed accommodation requests.



Accommodations Questions or Concerns

By Phone: 1-855-373-6387

(choose Services for Students with Disabilities option)

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Questions



